



CAHA Conference Call 1.25.05

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Mike Snyder and David Smith coming to park in Feb. for briefing. Park will inform EQD when this happens and results of visit.

IV status of document/info gathering (see attached)

1. WAITING ON NOW

- a. NC State study on American Oystercatcher -- Steve will check with Ted Simons to see if draft is ready. Park will check on this.
- b. AVM Conservation Study draft – Steve – Steve sent this by email to Jeff, and Jeff will send it to EQD. RECEIVED.
- c. COE studies related to Woods Hole –What are these studies about? Lori – this had to do with COE and beach nourishment. Sandy will assign intern to call.
- d. CAHA Beach Nourishment Guidelines – park will send once DC reviews. Updates from region? May be a hard copy upstairs. Sherri will check on it too.
- e. CAHA fly-over photos from NCDOT- Jeff – Jeff will go to Raleigh to see what kind of maps there are. Will try and get relevant maps from 1970, 1980, 1990, etc., of the same area – prefer areas of heavy use, that shows the beach sides, so as to see how many vehicles on the beach at those times, and the aerial would perhaps show how usage has increased over time. Jeff has spoken with Dan Sperling, and has a list now of what we need, and is looking to see if they have it in their database, which is pretty massive. They may have a recent flyover, and have been doing them since 1950's and 60's. They are not sure that they will have complete overflights from every other year, but also we have checked GIS files here on aerial photos. USFW guru came up, and we can't find anything useful at least aerial photo wise. Many were taken in winter, so not useful for our purposes. Lori – did you get a list of the info layers actually available on GIS? No, but can go back and look. Most of it is just color coded

- j. Air quality info –LB looked into air quality monitoring sites, and found no EPA air quality monitoring stations exist in Dare or Hyde Counties. Lori found the closest stations, but it doesn't look like these would provide any good data due to distance and what is being monitored. (see LB's email sent on 1.12.05).
 - i. Vehicle info apart from spot counts by rangers
 - ii. EQD will try to set up a conference call on this. Lori – are you trying to measure impacts on air quality even if in an area of attainment? Sandy – if we can document well enough the level of pollutants are right now as part of the baseline, we may not need to have that as an impact topic, but in order to do that we need more info that we have right now. Need info in order to dismiss it as a topic, so need to document it in admin record before we dismiss it. Lori – in CALO for PWC EA, we did look at air quality, and there were some issues with the winds and what not, so that there was nothing measurable – due to ambient conditions on park itself. EQD will look at CALO PWC EA as example of trying to measure air quality on seashore.
 - iii. Sandy – to confirm, no vehicle info other than info Jeff sent earlier? No, but seems like there is something in the 1980's, but not sure if can find it or not. Jeff will see if there is earlier info on vehicles on seashore from the 1980's.

2. RECEIVED –

- a. LB has sent list of GIS resources on the internet relevant to CAHA.
- b. Book title on estuarine erosion
- c. Documents in public library – OBPA files
- d. 1938 Planning Prospectus
- e. Horse plan
- f. Public notice mailing list
- g. Dare County Aerial photos – 3 cd's
- h. CAHA Bird Plan Draft

3. PENDING COMPLETION OF DOCUMENT/STUDY

- a. VIM ecosystem study – Steve – once it is completed
- b. CAHA ethnographic study – date of completion? Sandy will call Tony Paredes – Per Jami - Tony Paredes expects the final Ethnographic Study report by May - June 2005. Need study when completed.
- c. Cape Point Water Management Plan – Sandy has sent PMIS statement minus budget info to Dana (project will be approved by park next week and go to regional office for review). – CAHA will check with Steve Harrison on this. Who does this go through in the region? With Sherri? Not sure.
- d. OBPA informal visitor use survey – waiting on final survey from John Crouch (already have executive summary)

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Going to also look into a TV Show. Larry will send examples of TV Shows to EQD.

Park definitely wants public side of PEPC up and running by this time. Jeff is park administrator for PEPC and will take online training. Jami will send info on this online training.

What about room, other logistics? Sandy – we'll wait until Eng sends out invitation letter to interviewees, and then send out something with RSVP as an invitation to them to give park advance notice. Why media? They would write an article on it definitely. May be good if trying to educate public on reg-neg. Not everyone will see the TV program. Better to have newspaper article. Should this invitation come from the park? Invitation should come from the institute. Eng will be sending out the invitations to the interviewees. Eng suggests in 1.25.05 email that the park invite potential stakeholders, and media, if we decide to invite them.

Sandy talked with Eng about DO-75A – civic engagement as part of the training. Anything else you can think of? Jeff – departmental policy on consensus based management apply? We could have a little section on that, but very abbreviated – public participation and the process. Sandy – may have notebook of reference materials. DO-12, CEQ's 40 questions, etc. – something like the spiral document. EQD may put together reference notebook of materials for the orientation meeting.

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c. ESF data needed items (from internal scoping meeting) – We still need info from this on items checked as “more data needed.” Need to make sure we can eliminate certain issues from further analysis unless the public has something to say on that. Air quality is a big one for example. In order for them to give us a reading that says this is not an issue and here is why, we need basic info about types of vehicles, and estimate based on some kind of observation about amount of time spent driving on beach. So need a separate call to go over this in detail, and figure out what the park is able to get and if it can satisfy needs upstairs. Jeff – wasn't someone going to check out sites for air quality stations? Yes, done. Mary – going to set up a separate call for this. Should have someone from air resources on it – Lianna Reilly or Aaron Warstell. Who could get this info? Probably John Anglin. Jami wants to see notes afterwards. Sherri – include her b/c she might include regional monitoring folks.

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Park wants heavy emphasis on communication with the public, whether through brochures or other means. Park hopes to put newsletters up on PEPC site, and focus main communication effort through email. Park wants to use PEPC from the get-go.

Who will update mailing list? Have to decide if park or contractor. Will write this into phase II of project SOW. But either way is fine.

f. schedule for next steps – Need schedule for revisions, etc. Jeff and EQD will work on this together. Fine with Larry. We will get a schedule together to work on for our next call.

EQD and Jeff/Mary will work on getting a more detailed schedule out for the next few phases.

g. any remaining document gathering / action items - - see below

III Call with SOL

a. date issue – One big issue that we had and park had, is the date. Paul Hoffman changed it to April 2007 for completion of reg-neg. Sandy – we had April 2009 for completion of process. Larry – we need to be honest with him, b/c doesn't seem reasonable to me either. I think getting through reg-neg process and getting preferred alt will take pressure off. Have to be honest with timeframes. If DC can cut more time, then great, but given law and all that we have to deal with, have to figure out who brings the news to him. Larry will tell him...? Let's talk about it with Molly. Let's make sure that the DC office is briefed. Just a matter of making sure that we do that. I just don't want to get too cute with the dates. Larry – once committee comes to consensus, and we are moving along with the process, then probably OK. SOL phone call may address how to deal with things in the interim. An interim rule? Modify plan? Etc. EQD has serious reservations with interim rule, b/c already have a complicated process. Larry – I know, I believe it would just mean using existing plan, looking at legally how sound are we. How do we modify things and still say things are sound. There are educational things with that. We could possibly do interim plan. Final litmus test if whether or not sued, and if have received community support. Without it, we might get sued. We are on the edge right now. Sandy – may be at least to an agreement of the proposed alternative by

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Larry will contact Paul Hoffman and discuss making dates realistic. Will try to find more efficient way to shepherd through NOI's, NOA's as well to speed up process.

Interim rule? Park thinks maybe. EQD thinks it will take away from main focus. Solicitors are looking at legal options, so will discuss it at next SOL call.

Mike Snyder and David Smith coming to park in Feb. for briefing. Park will inform EQD when this happens and results of visit.

IV status of document/info gathering (see attached)

1. WAITING ON NOW

- a. NC State study on American Oystercatcher – Steve will check with Ted Simons to see if draft is ready. Park will check on this.
- b. AVM Conservation Study draft – Steve – Steve sent this by email to Jeff, and Jeff will send it to EQD. RECEIVED.
- c. COE studies related to Woods Hole – What are these studies about? Lori – this had to do with COE and beach nourishment. Sandy will assign intern to call.
- d. CAHA Beach Nourishment Guidelines – park will send once DC reviews. Updates from region? May be a hard copy upstairs. Sherri will check on it too.
- e. CAHA fly-over photos from NCDOT- Jeff – Jeff will go to Raleigh to see what kind of maps there are. Will try and get relevant maps from 1970, 1980, 1990, etc., of the same area – prefer areas of heavy use, that shows the beach sides, so as to see how many vehicles on the beach at those times, and the aerial would perhaps show how usage has increased over time. Jeff has spoken with Dan Sperling, and has a list now of what we need, and is looking to see if they have it in their database, which is pretty massive. They may have a recent flyover, and have been doing them since 1950's and 60's. They are not sure that they will have complete overflights from every other year, but also we have checked GIS files here on aerial photos. USFW guru came up, and we can't find anything useful at least aerial photo wise. Many were taken in winter, so not useful for our purposes. Lori – did you get a list of the info layers actually available on GIS? No, but can go back and look. Most of it is just color coded

photographs for the public. Lori – habitat maps, etc. would be great. We need to use this to set up description of physical environment in the next phase of this project. Sandy – intent for phase II of contract is to develop current description as much as we can. Need to get together description of environment and baseline sooner than we normally would so we can keep up with reg neg process when it speeds up. Jeff – this will take the park some time – maybe 4 weeks? Lori – you can make a copy of the file from internet explorer that lists all the files on whatever drive you are on. Jeff – yes, but need to know what the files are. Otherwise, will have a color photo from Hurricane Gustave, for example! Depends on what files are named as well. If not intuitive names, and sometimes not, then perhaps can have it done in a few weeks.

Jeff will get names and content of GIS files to determine if there is other info that could be used to describe environment and baseline, EX: habitat maps. Park will try and have this in next four weeks.

- f. Vehicle counters update – Jeff will continue following up with Larry on when they can buy sensors. Agreed that need these soon. Steve Harrison and I are writing up IDEAS description as we speak. CAHA will need help interpreting data from statistics experts in NPS – need to determine who that would be. Sandy spoke with Butch Street, and sent him Jeff's info that you sent, and said it isn't statistically supportable b/c of gathering method. So, he is going to give us pointers on how to make it statistically significant. He has a blanket exemption from the requirement to get surveys approved by OMB if you talk to 9 people, so may be able to use that, if we need to gather more visitor info. Jeff – with respect to numbers of vehicles? yes, but also for other information as well. Jeff – what about air quality? Sandy – perhaps, but imp't. to know if folks are idling a bunch in summer, how many miles driving, what kind of engines are in car, diesel or regular gas, etc. But some of these things no-one will know just looking at vehicles, so may want to ask folks on a few selected days. May be a conversation to have with people on a separate call. Steve and Jeff will finish IDEAS portion of sensor proposal soon and submit to Larry.

EQD and park will have a separate call with Butch Street sp?, who is the NPS statistical guru, on how to make sensors, and other data collection techniques, statistically sound.

- g. Oil spill recovery plan – EQD will check with Coast Guard to see if there is a plan under the OPA - EQD working on this.
- h. Research permits – print off investigator reports that have been filed on relevant studies - EQD will continue to work on this. There are several permits that seem relevant, so we want to see what these results are. EQD will assign intern to do this.
- i. Local ORV regs powerpoint/video– Mary will send; EQD will do comparison if needed – Mary thought she sent it to be forwarded but will send it again. RECEIVED.

- j. Air quality info –LB looked into air quality monitoring sites, and found no EPA air quality monitoring stations exist in Dare or Hyde Counties. Lori found the closest stations, but it doesn't look like these would provide any good data due to distance and what is being monitored. (see LB's email sent on 1.12.05).
 - i. Vehicle info apart from spot counts by rangers
 - ii. EQD will try to set up a conference call on this. Lori – are you trying to measure impacts on air quality even if in an area of attainment? Sandy – if we can document well enough the level of pollutants are right now as part of the baseline, we may not need to have that as an impact topic, but in order to do that we need more info that we have right now. Need info in order to dismiss it as a topic, so need to document it in admin record before we dismiss it. Lori – in CALO for PWC EA, we did look at air quality, and there were some issues with the winds and what not, so that there was nothing measurable – due to ambient conditions on park itself. EQD will look at CALO PWC EA as example of trying to measure air quality on seashore.
 - iii. Sandy – to confirm, no vehicle info other than info Jeff sent earlier? No, but seems like there is something in the 1980's, but not sure if can find it or not. Jeff will see if there is earlier info on vehicles on seashore from the 1980's.

2. RECEIVED –

- a. LB has sent list of GIS resources on the internet relevant to CAHA.
- b. Book title on estuarine erosion
- c. Documents in public library – OBPA files
- d. 1938 Planning Prospectus
- e. Horse plan
- f. Public notice mailing list
- g. Dare County Aerial photos – 3 cd's
- h. CAHA Bird Plan Draft

3. PENDING COMPLETION OF DOCUMENT/STUDY

- a. VIM ecosystem study – Steve – once it is completed
- b. CAHA ethnographic study – date of completion? Sandy will call Tony Paredes – Per Jami - Tony Paredes expects the final Ethnographic Study report by May - June 2005. Need study when completed.
- c. Cape Point Water Management Plan – Sandy has sent PMIS statement minus budget info to Dana (project will be approved by park next week and go to regional office for review). – CAHA will check with Steve Harrison on this. Who does this go through in the region? With Sherri? Not sure.
- d. OBPA informal visitor use survey – waiting on final survey from John Crouch (already have executive summary)

- e. CAHA Transportation Study – target date for completion is June 2005, final in August/Sept. 2005
- f. CAHA Protocols for listed species – park will provide once completed by USGS, perhaps by spring – Steve
- g. Evaluation of park GIS database
- h. Commercial Services Plan – Jeff – Jami spoke with Henry Benedetti regarding the Commercial Services Plan and he said that Parsons is working on the EA now and they hope to have the plan and EA complete (FONSI signed) by July of this year.
- i. Comprehensive Interpretation Plan – both what it is and when developed – Jeff will keep us informed on what is going on with the new CIP. Target date for completion is 2006.

4. UPDATE ON RESEARCH ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- a. Primitive Wilderness research – Michael – in progress
- b. ADA/Wilderness research – Michael – waiting on “primitive wilderness” research to finalize response, but have initial determination of how ADA applies to officially-designated or proposed Wilderness.
- c. Marine Mammal Protection Act & ORV use – Michael EQD working on this.
- d. CZMA/CAMA – Michael – EQD working on this.
- e. Migratory Bird Act & ORV’s – Sandy – EQD working on this.
- f. RS 2477 – EQD working on this.

Other – Sherri – no update yet on beach nourishment guidelines – but will send out an email.

Next call Feb. 8, 9:30 am eastern time.